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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, PLAB, SOV

SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH ILO CONVENTIONS

1. A MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WHICH IS CERTAIN TO ARISE DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE ILO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF STANDARDS IS WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION IS IN VIOLATION OF CONVENTION NO. 87: FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. THE DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON THREE SPECIFIC MATTERS: (1) THE RIGHT AND ABILITY OF COLLECTIVE FARM MEMBERS TO ESTABLISH AND JOIN TRADE UNIONS OF THEIR OWN; (2) THE RIGHT TO OTHER WORKERS TO ESTABLISH UNIONS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE, INASMUCH AS UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION (SECTION 7 AND 230 OF THE RSFSR LABOR CODE) NO OTHER THAN THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZAOION REPRESENTING WORKERS OF THE SAME CATEGORY CAN BE SET UP; AND (3) THE FACT THAT UNDER SECTION 126 OF THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION, THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS THE LEADING CORE OF ALL WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THE SOVIET UNION IS IN THE PROCESS OF AMENDING ITS CONSTITUTION. IF ANY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS TO ITS CONTENT, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD INFORM US BY PRIORITY CABLE WHETHER ANYTHING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION TOUCHES ON MATTERS DISCUSSED ABOVE, AND WHETHER THAT DOCUMENT WILL PURPORT TO GRANT  
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BROADER OR MORE LIMITED HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANY OTHER PARTICULARS. EMBASSY MOSCOW COMMENTS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. SORENSON

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